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Please rewrite the paragraph at page 24, lines 13-23, as follows:

On that occasion, a parameter practically used for generating the image depends on the depths of the pair of left and right stereo images. For example, a ratio r = 0 represents the left image itself, and a ratio r = 1 represents the image viewing at the viewpoint position of the right image. If the depth map contains an error, there may also occur an error in the depth of the nearest object and the farthest object. Therefore, the parameter for use in the image generation, *sh*, may be determined based on a statistical distribution over the entire depth map by a method not affected by an error.